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FCC TO HOLD 'GENERATION MOBILE' FORUM FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS Event to address cyberbullying, sexting, safe cell phone use by kids and teens

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, December 14, the FCC will hold *Generation Mobile*, a forum bringing together teens, parents, educators and experts to discuss the opportunities and challenges around mobile technology use by adolescents. Recent surveys show cell phone ownership among children has increased 68 percent in the past five years and typical teens send a text message every 10 minutes during waking hours.

WHAT: Generation Mobile Forum

WHEN: Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

WHERE: McKinley Technology High School Auditorium

151 T Street Northeast Washington D.C., 20002

WEB: http://reboot.fcc.gov/live/

Hashtag #GenMobile

Generation Mobile will feature remarks by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski and a presentation of findings from a Pew Internet and American Life study on kids' mobile phone usage. The forum will include a panel of teens, parents and educators sharing their thoughts on mobile technology. A second panel will focus on educating and empowering parents through an "Ask the Mobile Experts" session. The experts will also recommend tools and resources to parents and kids for the safe and responsible use of mobile phones.

Generation Mobile is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, those attending are asked to pre-register by submitting their name, organizational affiliation and phone number to generationmobile@fcc.gov. The forum will be webcast live at http://reboot.fcc.gov/live/ and questions during the forum can be sent to livequestions@fcc.gov or using the hashtag #GenMobile on Twitter.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please e-mail fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY) with your contact information, should FCC staff need to contact you, and a detailed description of the accommodation you require. Requests should be made as early as possible, as last minute requests may be impossible to fulfill.

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